

What Traditional Anglicans Believe

Our Faith is expressed in the ancient creeds and our beliefs are firmly rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the teachings and traditions of the Church. In essence, we believe in our Lord's Summary of the Law which tells us to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind...to love our neighbors as ourselves... and to practice His teaching on the sanctity of all human life, marriage, and the family.

The center of our worship is the Holy Eucharist--the Mass, which was specifically commanded by Jesus in the New Testament. Through our Holy Communion, we believe that Jesus is truly spiritually present under the outward forms of the consecrated Bread and Wine to infuse our lives with the spiritual strength of His life. Our liturgy is based upon the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Female Priests

Traditional Anglicanism is based upon the Scriptures and traditions of the Church. Thus, we have maintained a male order of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in Apostolic Succession. In other words, our clergy can trace their lines back to the twelve Apostles whom Jesus commissioned to begin the Church and spread His Gospel. We do not ordain women as deacons or priests because there are no scriptural grounds to do so.

The Right Reverend Ross Davies, Bishop of The Murray in Australia, addressed the issue of the ordination of women very clearly. He indicated that "it is a matter of discerning what is the will of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostolic tradition, which Our Lord founded, upheld the dignity of both men and women in equality, but with distinct vocations. Within the life of the Church, after the pattern of Jesus himself, men would be set aside for specific tasks within the Body of Christ, The Church--sacramentally in the iconic representation of Jesus the High Priest at the altar in the Eucharist. The priest, the bishop, and the deacon are ministers of the divine and fatherly love of God. In this way, priests and bishops came to be called 'father.' Just as a man could not be called a 'mother' (spiritually or physically), so a woman could not become a 'father' (spiritually or physically). With the new novelty of 'ordained' women, the apostolic tradition has been thrown aside for the sake of a new agenda of 'equality' without properly understanding that equality can have distinctions."

Same Sex Unions

The Traditional Anglican Communion accepts all people who share our beliefs and wish to worship with us. In keeping with scriptural tradition, we believe that same sex unions are against the will of God. We believe that the Sacrament of Holy Orders and consecration to the Office of Bishop should not be available to individuals who are living lives that are counter to God's will.